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Applicant : Ghimon Sakaguchi
Serial No. : 09/284,114
Filed : April 7, 1999
Title : A MOUSE STRAIN WITH NATURAL ONSET OF AUTOIMMUNE ARTHRITIS

Art Unit : 1633
Examiner : Eleanor Sorbello

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Advisory Action, mailed November 23, 2001, and the final Office Action mailed April 25, 2001 (hereinafter "Office Action"), Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. A petition for a Notice of Appeal was mailed September 21, 2001, and the USPTO received the Notice of Appeal on October 9, 2001. A response was initially due December 9, 2001. Applicant herein submits a petition for a one-month extension of time to Wednesday, January 9, 2002 under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, with the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

This response is accompanied by a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. Thus, the finality of the outstanding final office action will be withdrawn and Applicant is entitled to have this first submission for this RCE entered and considered on the merits. The following documents are also enclosed herewith:

- Postcard
- Request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114
- Petition for extension of time with fee

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